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SUBJECT: ECE-37TH SESSION OF HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING  
COMMITTEE, SEPT. 6-10, 1976: ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN  
STUDY TOUR IN USSR

REF: GENEVA 7006

1. IN MEETING TODAY, ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK  
REPORTEDLY PERSUADED ISRAELI AMBASSADOR THAT HE SHOULD  
NOT MAKE PLANNED STATEMENT AT OPENING OF HBP COMMITTEE  
SEPT 6 RE SOVIET EFFORT TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM  
PARTICIPATION IN HBP STUDY TOUR IN USSR IN ORDER TO ALLOW  
TIME FOR EFFORTS OUTSIDE OF MEETING TO PERSUADE SOVIETS  
TO REVERSE THEIR POSITION. ISRAELIS HAD REPORTEDLY  
PLANNED TO MAKE STRONG STATEMENT BASED ON THEIR LEGAL  
RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE UNDER ARTICLE 11 OF ECE TERMS OF  
REFERENCE, PAST PRECEDENT, AND SOVIET OBLIGATIONS UNDER  
SECTION OF CSCE FINAL ACT RELATING TO SECURITY AND  
COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

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2. THERE APPEARS TO BE FOUR POSSIBLE OUTCOMES OF SOVIET ACTION: (A) THE USSR COULD BE PERSUADED TO REVERSE ITS POSITION AND ALLOW ISRAELI PARTICIPATION; (B) THE COMMITTEE COULD DECIDE, PROBABLY BY VOTE, TO CANCEL THE STUDY TOUR; (D) THE COMMITTEE COULD GO ALONG WITH THE SOVIET ACTION, ACCEPTING SOME EXCUSE FOR LIMITATION TO ECE MEMBERS ONLY SUCH AS LIMITED CAPACITY; (D) THE COMMITTEE COULD ALLOW THE STUDY TOUR TO TAKE PLACE, WITH WESTERN MEMBERS STATING THEIR RESERVATIONS TO THE SOVIET ACTION AND/OR NOT PARTICIPATING IN STUDY TOUR.

3. FRG AND FRENCH MISSIONS HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO TAKE STRONG POSITION IN FAVOR OF LEGAL RIGHT OF ISRAELIS TO PARTICIPATE UNDER ARTICLE 11 OF ECE TERMS OF REFERENCE. CANADIAN MISSION AND SEVERAL OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN MISSION ANTICIPATE SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS. EC DELEGATION WILL MEET MORNING OF SEPT. 6, INTER ALIA TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER. WHILE STONG EC POSITION IN FAVOR OF LEGAL RIGHT OF ISRAELIS TO PARTICIPATE IS EXPECTED, IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT EC COUNTRIES WILL BE WILLING TO GO SO FAR AW TO CANCEL STUDY TOUR IF SOVIETS REFUSE TO BACK DOWN. HOPE IS, HOWEVER, THAT SOVIETS WLL IN FACT BACK DOWN IF FACED BY STRONG WESTERN POSITION AND THAT TIME CONSUMING AND ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE ON MATTER BY HBP COMMITTEE CAN BE AVOIDED.

4. MISSION KNOWS OF NO PRECEDENT FOR EXCLUSION OF NON-ECE MEMBER OF UN FROM ECE ACTIVITIES. SECRETARIAT ADVISES THAT SOVIET REFUSAL IN JANUARY 1976 TO GIVE VISA TO ISRAELI FOR BRIEFING IN MOSCOW PRIOR TO UNCTAD SEMINAR IN BULGARIA WAS REVERSED AT LAST MINUTE. YUGOSLAV REFUSAL TO GIVE VISA TO ISRAELI REPS TO ECE TOURIST INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM AT DUBROVNIK IN OCTOBER 1975 WAS ALSO REVERSED AT LAST MINUTE WITH APOLOGY AND CLAIM THAT REFUSAL HAD BEEN ERROR BY CONSULAR OFFICIAL.

5. INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED BY 0900 HRS SEPTEMBER 6. ABRAMS

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